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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

THROUGH: Director of Basic and Geographic Intelligence

FROM: Chief, Map Library Division, BGI

SUBJECT: Interagency Map Procurement Coordination Program

1. The CIA Map Library has its origins in the former Map Library of the Office of Strategic Services and the World War II map collection of the Department of State. In 1945, when the Research and Analysis Branch of OSS was de-activated, the map collection was placed in the Department of State. It remained there for two years, and was merged with the Departmental collection. In February, 1947, an Interagency Map Procurement Coordination Committee (IAMPCC) was established. At that time, the Department of State and the Maps Division of the Library of Congress were the principal partners. It soon became apparent that all mapping elements of the U. S. Government should participate in the coordinated program, and by mid-1947 this was effected. In December of 1947, the Departmental Map Library was transferred to the CIA.

2. The Chief, Map Library, CIA, functions today as Coordinator for Maps and Publications in the Department of State, and directs the Interagency Coordinated Procurement Program. Eight Geographic Attachés operate in different world regions, contributing to an acquisition of some 80,000 maps annually. These maps are distributed in accordance with stated requirements, to the Department of Defense, the intelligence agencies, and civilian agencies of the government.

Of the 80,000 maps received in FY-1969, the CIA retained some 37,000 sheets. The remaining 43,000 were shared by the various mapping organizations of the Department of Defense - U. S. Topographic Command, the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, the Naval Oceanographic Office, the Library of Congress, and a few others. The Department of Defense, through its three principal mapping agencies, receives some 30,000 or more map sheets annually from this Interagency Program.

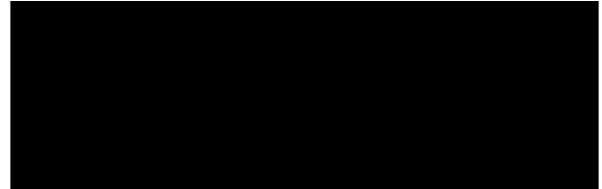
3. The Interagency Program includes not only the eight Geographic Attachés, but a coordination of purchase funds, support funds, TDY missions, exchange maps and materials, and man-hours. All agencies benefitting from

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the program thus contribute in depth to the program. The Department of Defense, the CIA, and the Department of State are the key participants, however, and receive the greatest benefits.

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